

## **Waste & Enforcement Team Congressional Activities: Outlook for Week of June 17, 2013**

### **Hearings:**

**June 27, 2013:** Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Hearing “Oversight of Federal Risk Management and Emergency Planning Programs to Prevent and Address Chemical Threats, Including the Events Leading Up to the Explosions in West, TX and Geismar, LA.”  
EPA witness: Barry Breen, PDAA, OSWER

### **Meetings/Briefings:**

**June 24, 2013** – Briefing for House Energy and Commerce Minority staff re: Pavillion, WY investigation. (R8, OCIR)

**June 24, 2013** - Briefing for Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN) staff to discuss Brownfields grants and grant opportunities for the 4<sup>th</sup> district in Minnesota. (OSWER, R5)

**TBD:** Meeting with Rep. Matt Cartwright staff RE: RCRA and the treatment of oil and gas waste. (OSWER, OGC, OECA, OW).

**June/July 2013- TBD:** Briefing for House Energy and Commerce Committee staff on Superfund program.

### **Rollouts:**

### **113<sup>th</sup> Congress LEGISLATION**

#### **Senate:**

**S. 496 –“FUELS Act”** introduced on March 7, 2013 by Sen. Mark Pryor (R-AR) and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. This bill would exempt certain farms from the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure regulations.

**S.68 – “Secure Chemical Facilities Act”** introduced on January 23, 2013 by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, (D-NJ) and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. This bill will modify and make permanent the authority of the Secretary of Homeland Security to regulate security practices at chemical facilities.

**S. 491 –“Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development (BUILD) Act of 2013”** introduced on March 7, 2013 by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, (D-NJ) and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. The BUILD Act would improve the existing grant process by increasing the limit for cleanup grants and expanding grant eligibility for certain

publicly owned sites and non-profit organizations.

**House:**

**H.R. 2218 – “Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013”** introduced on June 3, 2013 by Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) intended to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment. On June 6, 2013, the bill was reported to the full House Energy and Commerce Committee without amendments.

**H.R. 2279 – “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act”** introduced in House Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Economy, on June 3, 2013, and reported to the full committee on June 6, 2013 without amendments. Rep Tonko opposed.

**H.R. 2318 -- “Federal Facility Accountability Act”** introduced in House Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Economy, on June 3, 2013, and reported to the full committee on June 6, 2013 without amendments. Rep Tonko opposed.

**HR 2226 - “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act”** introduced by Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH) on June 3, 2013, reported to the full committee on June 6, 2013 without amendments. Federal Facilities Accountability Act-Rep Tonko opposed. Bill was reported to full committee without amendments.

**H.R. 888- “General Duty Clarification Act of 2013”** Introduced on February 28, 2013 by Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS-4) and referred to the House committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power. The bill amends the Clean Air Act, with respect to provisions relating to the prevention of accidental releases of hazardous air pollutants and requires the Administrator to promulgate regs and guidelines.

**H.R. 311-“Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act”** introduced on January 18, 2013 by Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR) and referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The FUELS Act directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule to consider a producer's risk when it comes to maintaining costly oil storage facilities.

**H.R.334 -“Keystone for a Secure Tomorrow Act”** introduced on January 22, 2013 by Rep Ted Poe (R-TX) and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources. This bill aims to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline Project Permit.

**H.R.373 -“Oil Pollution Research and Development Program Reauthorization Act of 2013”** introduced on January 23, 2013 by Rep Lois Capps (D-CA) and referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. This bill amends the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to revise provisions concerning the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research and revises Committee membership.

